GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:6708
ANSWERED ON:10.05.2002
REQUEST FROM ASSOCIATION OF FISHERS
RAMSHETH THAKUR

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government are providing any central share as reimbursement of cost of Central Excise Duty on HSDoil supplied to mechanized fishing vessels;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the amount sanctioned in favour of Maharashtra during 2001-2002 under the above scheme;

(d) whether State Government, Association of Fishers and Members of Parliament of Maharashtra have submitted several requests/representations to sanction at least 4 crore for the purpose; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and the reaction of Union Government thereto?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI GINGEE N.RAMACHANDRAN)

(a) and (b) Yes Sir. A Centrally Sponsored Scheme on Reimbursement of Central Excise Duty on High Speed (HSD) Oil supplied to mechanized fishing boats below 20 metres Length was in implementation till the end of the IXth Plan, according to which fishing vessels registered with State Fisheries Department could draw HSD Oil through a pass book system and claim reimbursement of the excise duty @ Rs.351.75 per KL (35 paise per Lt.). The scheme was financed by the Centre and the State Governments on 80:20 basis i.e. 80% of reimbursement cost by the Centre and 20% by the States except in the case of Gujarat, Maharashtra & Karnataka which have exempted sales tax fully on HSD Oil and also the UT ,s which would be met by the Centre on 100% basis.

(c) A sum of Rs 168 lakhs was sanctioned and released towards reimbursement of Central Excise duty on HSD oil supplied to mechanized fishing vessels below 20 metre length under the Centrally sponsored Scheme ` Development of Marine Fisheries` during 2001-2002

(d) and (e) No sir. However a proposal to release Rs.288 lakhs towards the cost of reimbursement of Central Excise duty on HSD oil under the scheme was received from the Government of Maharashtra during 2001-2002 but the demand from the State Govt. was to be proportionately limited to Rs. 168 lakhs considering the demands from other States and the overall Central allocation made under the scheme during 2001-2002.